

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Ryan Hsu	3714	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Ryan Hsu. (3) Bill Pegg.
 (2) John Hotaling. (4) Jeremie Moll.

Date of Interview: 07 August 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-7,9-15,17,18,25-31,33,35,37-39 and 41-52.

Identification of prior art discussed: Walker and Pascal and Osawa.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

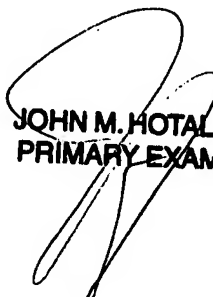
THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative argued that Walker's Automatic Wagering System and Pascal's Tournament system did not meet the limitations of the applicant's limitations directed towards "block wagering". As defined by the applicant's claim limitations, the current system only required the method of "receiving a single wager from a player to purchase a series of plays of a basic portion of the game, the single wager being allocated to the entire series of plays and not being associated with any specific one of the series of plays". While the Examiner agreed that the limitation appeared to overcome the interpretation made on the automatic wagering system, the Examiner argued that the tournament system still met the limitations of the claims. As such, a tournament required only a single wager from a player and then the player was able to participate in a series of plays (which constituted any number of plays of a game). Examiner stressed that the interpretation of a tournament wagering system should be overcome by amendments to the current claims in order to overcome the prior art of record. No agreement with respect to the patentability of claims was reached and the Examiner stated that further search and/or consideration would be required once the formal response was received.



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